(d) and (e) There is no immediate proposal to make bio-equivalence test compulsory.

**Marketing: of Analgesic combination**

249. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Analgin alone and with combination of other drugs are being marketed in the country;

(b)' whether it is also a fact that such combinations have hazardous side-effects; and

(c) if so, what is the justification in allowing marketing of such combinations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISRTY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Ministry is not aware of any published report that combina tions of Analgin have hazardous side effects.

(c) Does not arise.

Combination of Aspirin and Paracetamol

250. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Aspirin and Paracetamol in combination with Anti-histamine are being marketed in the country as analgesies, sleeping pills and cough cold remedies;

(b) if so, names of major selling brands of these combinations along with composition of each;

(c) whether it is a fact that such combinations have dangerous side effect and do not give additional benefits than single-ingredients; and

(d) if so, the reasons for allowing such combinations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Combination of Aspirin/Paracetamol with anti-histamline are marketed as analgesics (pain-killers) and as cough-cold remedies. However, they are not marketed as sleeping pills.

(b) The names of major selling brands of such combinations are given in the attached Statement *( See* below).

(c) and (d) Dangerous side effects of such combinations have not been reported to the Government. These drugs are prescribed for symptomatic relif of various condiions *viz.* pain, fever, cough-cold etc.

Statement

*Names of some of the major selling brands of Aspirin and Paracetamol in combination with Antihistamine*

| Name of the Formulations | Comp any | Composition | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | | |
| (a) *Combination of Aspirin, Paracetamol and* Capramin Tablets | Glaxo Laboratories (P) Ltd., Bombay. | *Anti-histamine* Phenylephrine Hel Chlorphemiramine Maleate | 10 2 | mg. mg. |